

“Our Great King and High Priest”

Zechariah 6:9-15

A Symbolic Transaction

A symbolic transaction teaching God’s people to wait for the Savior to come.

1. The Symbolic Act: The Crowning of Joshua the High Priest

(1) A Gift from Afar!

- **Gold and Silver**

- **Brought from Babylon by a Deputation of Jews**

- Representative of those who had sent them and of God’s purpose

- Heldai “endurance”? → v. 14 Helem “strength”
- Tobijah “the goodness of Jehovah” or “Jehovah is my good”
- Jediah “Jehovah knows”
- Josiah “Jehovah is my support” → v. 14 Hen “grace”
- Zephaniah (Josiah’s father) “Jehovah protects”

- **A crown fashioned** *“make a crown”*

- Lit.: “crowns” or “an ornate crown”

(2) A Coronation “a prophetic pageant”

- **Joshua the High Priest crowned**

- To be viewed as representative here – viewed in his office as High Priest
- The words to be pronounced over him are prophetic: a picture of Messiah presented

- **The crown permanently hung in the Temple**

2. Its Meaning: A Revelation of the Messiah who was to come.

(1) Messiah – to be Invested with Kingly Power

- The two offices of King and Priest to be joined in Him!

(2) Messiah – a Description

*“Thus says the LORD of hosts,
‘Behold, the man whose name is the Branch,
for he shall branch out from his place’”*

-1- **His Obscure Origin**

- He would not openly descend from heaven, in a visible show of glory,
but would grow up out of the earth in lowly humiliation.

-2- **His Great Work** *“he shall build the temple of the LORD”*

- Repeated twice for emphasis
- Cf. Eph. 2:19-20

-3- **His Kingly Glory** *“(he) shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne”*

- “he shall sit” – securely and permanently

-4- **King and Priest!** *“And there shall be a priest on his throne,
and the counsel of peace shall be between them both”*

- The union of both offices in Christ in the work of salvation
- “the counsel *that produces* peace”
- A priest after the order of Melchizedek Ps. 110:4

(3) The Token of His Coming and of the Final Triumph of His Kingdom

“And the crown shall be in the temple of the LORD

- **The Crown hung in the temple** *as a reminder...”*

- The promise of Messiah to come – Jesus – the King-Priest

- **Its metals having been brought from afar – from Babylon:**

- To foretell the promised final crushing of Satan’s dominion *“And those who are far off shall come
and help to build the temple of the LORD.”*

- To foreshadow the bringing in of the Gentiles into the church

(4) The Call to the Faith and Obedience *“And you shall know
that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.*

- Who believed the promise? *And this shall come to pass if you will
diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.”*
- Not calling for some ‘extraordinary’ obedience!
Simply *true* obedience – such obedience which attends true faith.

Further Application: